

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
The Birthplace of “The Star-Spangled Banner”



War in the Chesapeake – The “Key” Story!

Francis Scott Key drew the words of our National Anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner” from his personal experiences and adventures in the Chesapeake Bay in the months leading up to the Battle of Baltimore in September, 1814. In this special program involving group interactive fun, visitors will move miniature soldiers, sailors and ships as a National Park Ranger relates stories of the role of militia, free African-Americans and citizens in the defense of the Chesapeake Bay from the British.

Hear about the unsung heroes of the War of 1812 – Dr. William Beanes, John Skinner, Charles Ball and Commodore Joshua Barney to name a few.

Find out how about the series of events that placed the author of our National Anthem at the “key” place to see the Star-Spangled Banner

Group Rates/Duration

During park hours (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

\$7 per adult, free for children under 16 (admission to fort included)

Seniors with Golden Age or visitors with Golden Access Cards are admitted free.

After Hours: Join a Ranger after hours to see the fort by “twilight’s last gleaming.” After hours

rates: \$7 per adult, free for children under 16 covers admission to the fort, plus an estimated

\$200 per group fee.

Program lasts 45 minutes

Group Size/Availability

Minimum: 20 Maximum 100

Year-round based on advanced reservations

Booking information

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